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## **DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF SJI, LLC TO BOSTON VENTURES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP VII**

### **STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 07-202**

**Comments Due: October 3, 2007**  
**Reply Comments Due: October 10, 2007**

The following application was filed pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules requesting approval to transfer control of SJI, LLC ("SJI"), the parent company of Lafourche Telephone Company, LLC ("Latelco") and SJI Networks, LLC d/b/a Latelco Long Distance ("Networks"), to Boston Ventures Limited Partnership VII ("Boston Ventures"). SJI, Latelco, and Networks are limited liability companies organized under the laws of the state of Louisiana. Latelco is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier ("LEC") providing local exchange and exchange access service in the exchanges of Larose, Grand Isle, Golden Meadow, Leeville, and Galliano, Louisiana. Networks provides interstate long distance services to residents of Latelco's service area.<sup>1</sup> Boston Ventures, a Delaware limited partnership, is a private equity firm that controls En-Touch Systems, Inc., the parent company of ETS Telephone Company, Inc., which provides competitive telecommunications services in Houston, Texas.<sup>2</sup> The following U.S.-based entities hold 10 percent or more of the equity of Boston Ventures or hold general partnership interests: Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (11%); State of Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds (20%); Boston Ventures Company VII, LLC (2% and general partner).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing applications for the transfer of control associated with authorization for international services and radio licenses. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>2</sup> Applicants state that Boston Ventures has a related fund, Boston Ventures Limited Partnership V, that owns a significant, but non-controlling interest in Integra Telecom, Inc., which provides competitive telecommunications services in Arizona, California, Idaho, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Applicants state that their relevant service territories neither overlap nor are adjacent.

<sup>3</sup> The managing directors who have a 10 percent or greater interest in the general partner are U.S. citizens, with the exception of Anthony J. Bolland (United Kingdom citizenship), and Vikrant Raina, (India citizenship). Applicants state that, pursuant to the general partner agreement, non-U.S. citizens may not participate in regulated communications enterprises in which the general partner or Boston Ventures may invest.

Applicants state that the proposed transaction will be accomplished through the sale of the membership interests of the current owners of SJI to SJI Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company created for the transaction, or to SJI, itself, and that following the sale, SJI will be a wholly owned subsidiary of SJI Holdings, LLC. Latelco and Networks will be wholly-owned subsidiaries of SJI and continue their current operations. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>4</sup>

Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of SJI, LLC, Lafourche Telephone Company, LLC and SJI Networks, LLC d/b/a Latelco Long Distance to Boston Ventures Limited Partnership VII, WC Docket No. 07-202 (filed Sept. 11, 2007).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before October 3, 2007** and reply comments **on or before October 10, 2007**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, Applicants are permitted to transfer control on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of this notice.<sup>5</sup> Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
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<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

<sup>5</sup> Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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- 3) Jodie May, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C234, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [jodie.may@fcc.gov](mailto:jodie.may@fcc.gov)
- 4) David Krech, Policy Division, International Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 7-A664 Washington, D.C. 20554; email: [david.krech@fcc.gov](mailto:david.krech@fcc.gov); and
- 5) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8-C824, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [jim.bird@fcc.gov](mailto:jim.bird@fcc.gov).

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